



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Federal Case**

**Registry (Office of Management and Budget # 0970-0421)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Child Support Enforcement,  
Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department  
of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE),  
Administration for Children and Families (ACF), is  
requesting from the Office of Management and Budget to  
extend approval of the Federal Case Registry (FCR) for an  
additional three years. The current approval expires  
November 30, 2023. OCSE is proposing minor changes to  
punctuation, formatting, grammar, clarity, and spacing to  
enable easier completion of the form.

**DATES:** *Comments due within 60 days of publication.* In  
compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction  
Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the  
specific aspects of the information collection described  
above.

**ADDRESSES:** You can obtain copies of the proposed  
collection of information and submit comments by emailing  
[infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). All requests should be  
identified by the title of the information collection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* The FCR is a national database of information pertaining to child support cases processed by state child support agencies, referred to as "IV-D" cases, and non-IV-D support orders privately established or modified by courts or tribunals on or after October 1, 1998. FCR information is comprised of child support orders and case information from each State Case Registry (SCR). The FCR automatically compares new SCR submissions to existing FCR information and to wage and employment information in the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH). The Federal Parent Locator Service notifies state agencies if an IV-D case participant in the state matches a participant in an IV-D or non-IV-D case in another state and supplies any matched wage and employment information. Matches enable state agencies to locate parties that live in different states, to establish, modify, or enforce child support obligations; to establish paternity; to enforce state law regarding parental kidnapping; and to establish or enforce child custody or visitation determinations. The FCR instrument, Appendix G: Input Transactions Layout, contains minor changes to punctuation, formatting, grammar, clarity, and spacing to enable easier completion of the form.

*Respondents:* State child support enforcement agencies

*Annual Burden Estimates*

Instrument	Total Number of Respondents	Annual Number of Responses	Annual Burden	Annual Burden Hours
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		Per Respondent	Hours Per Response	
Appendix G: Input Transactions Layout	54	406	0.0333	730

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 730

*Comments:* The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 653(h); 42 U.S.C. 654a(e); 42 U.S.C. 654a(f) (1)

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